12 Savage Hill Road

Corner Mill Street & Savage Hill Road

1800

Steven Wilcox Jr.

Federal

In 1934 the house had 4 chimneys

1934 WPA Census of Old Buildings in Connecticut Survey at the Connecticut State Library Digital Collection. Slide # 054

. 1800 Steven Wilcox current owner: Myron Morse estate

Corner Savage Hill Road and Mill Street, facing east

Brick house pained yellow, hip roof, 4 end brick chimneys, two stories and a half, two windows each side of central entrance, stone foundation, projecting belt course, 2 bricks high at 2nd floor level, front and ends. Arched brick opening for front door with leaded fan over,

Connecticut State Library, State Archives
WPA Architectural Survey: wpa_archsurvey_berl054

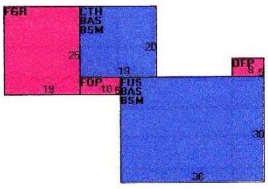
1935 Susqui-Centennial Celebration of the Town of Berlin – Berlin Old Houses.

1800 Steven Wilcox current owner: Myron Morse Savage Hill Road

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 150

1800 Steven Wilcox current owner: Ruby Morse Federal

Steven Wilcox was a grandson of early settler Daniel Wilcox.



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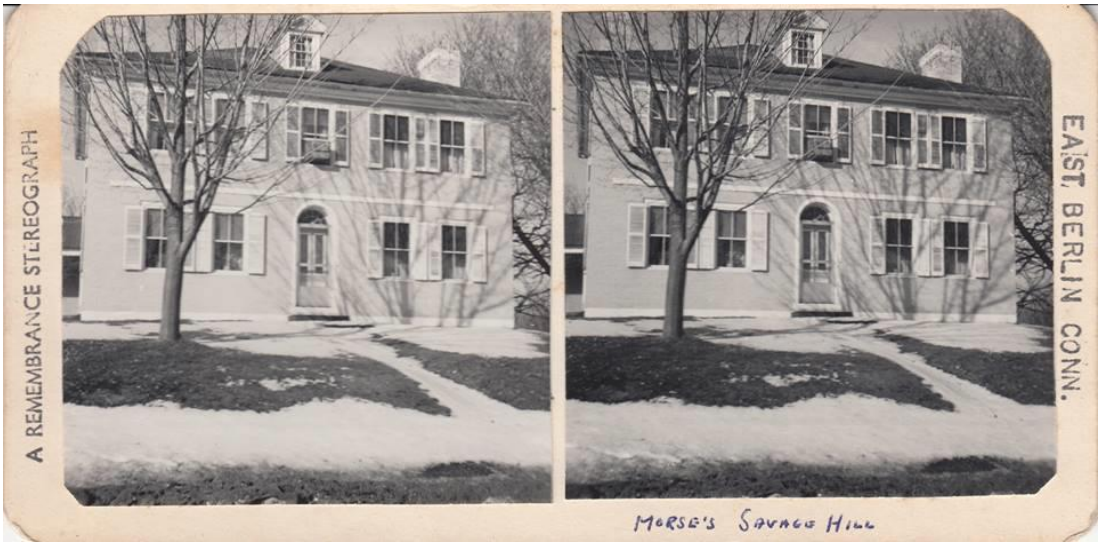
1800 current owner: Luca & Lisa DiMichele

Genealogy

Stephen Wilcox (1773-1847), son of Stephen Wilcox & Mary Kelsey, grandson of Daniel Wilcox & Sarah White, married Lucy Plumb (1777-1852) Chldren: Sophronia, Philo, Henrietta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MORSE'S SAVAGE HILL

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Town No.:	Site No.:
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DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR	IF NR, SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common): 12 Savage Hill Road (Historic): Steven Wilcox House
2. TOWN/CITY: Berlin VILLAGE: East Berlin COUNTY: Hartford
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 12 Savage Hill Road 17-1 142/12
4. OWNER(S): Morse, Ruby N. " " East Berlin 06023 ☐ Public ☒ Private
5. USE (Present): Residence (Historic): Residence
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No; INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No; IF YES, EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Federal DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1800
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
   ☐ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☒ Brick walls and chimneys ☐ Other (Specify)
   ☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
   ☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
   ☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ☒ Cut stone Type: Foundation: coursed brownstone ashlar
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
   ☐ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ Balloon
   ☒ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
   ☐ Other (Specify)
10. ROOF (Type)
   ☐ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ Sawtooth
   ☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☒ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify)
   (Material)
   ☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☐ Gable end to the street
   ☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 36' x 30'
12. CONDITION (Structural): ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated (Exterior): ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location): ☒ On original site ☐ Moved WHEN? (Alterations): ☒ Yes ☐ No IF YES, EXPLAIN: Later sash
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
   ☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☐ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
   ☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
   ☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☒ Residential ☒ Scattered buildings visible from site
   ☒ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☐ High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
   On large lot at corner of Mill and Savage Hill, a street with a scattering of older houses among new construction

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PHOTOGRAPHER: HRC		DATE: 11/84
VIEW: NW	NEGATIVE ON FILE: H21	

COMPILED BY	
NAME: Historic Resource Consultants	DATE: 12/84
ORGANIZATION: The Colt Armory	
ADDRESS: 55 Van Dyke Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106	

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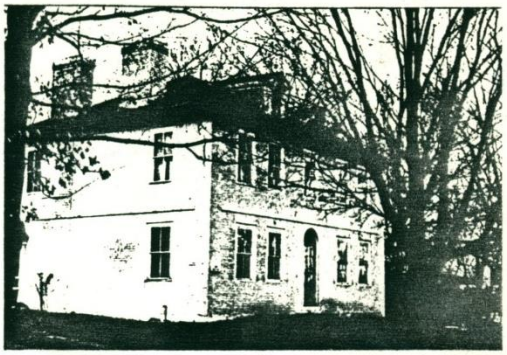

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The Steven Wilcox House has a five-bay facade with a central entry. Brick walls are laid up in common bond with Flemish variation. Windows have splayed stone lintels (brick on the second floor) and wide board surrounds and are fitted with 2-over-2 sash. The entry is recessed in a road-arched opening and features a radial-glazed semicircular fanlight with applied cast-lead festoons and floral decorations and a dentil course above. There is a raised brick belt course between stories on front and side elevations; these belt courses terminate approximately one foot from the building corners. The hip roof has a molded cornice above a course of delicate dentils. There is a single central gabled roof dormer with plain pilasters, old 8-over-8 sash, and a molded cornice with a partial return. Large brick chimneys are found near all four corners. On the left is a small rear garage extension.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER

SIGNIFICANCE

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Steven Wilcox House is significant as a fine and unusually well-preserved example of an early 19th-century vernacular brick house. Like similar brick dwellings in Berlin (e.g. the Jesse Hart House), the Wilcox House is rectilinear in plan. Ornamentation is simple. The radial-glazed fanlight with its applied cast-lead decorations and the use of dentils suggest a Federal-style influence. The unusual belt course is found on several contemporaneous Berlin houses; it may have been intended as a reference to the hewn overhangs of 18th century timber-frame houses.

Steven Wilcox, grandson of early settler Daniel Wilcox, built this house about 1800. He married a member of the North family and moved to Ohio.

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